

Stewardship workshops on Vashon Maury Island

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 2 WSU Extension is presenting a series of stewardship workshops on Vashon Island in conjunction with the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust and the King Conservation District. If you are interested in putting together a forest stewardship plan, a farm plan, or would just like to learn more about managing your property sustainably.. Please plan to join us. **All sessions are free and open to the public!** Come to one, two, or all, depending upon your interest.

To register, contact the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust at 463-2644 or info@vashonlandtrust.org. Indicate which session(s) you will attend, your name, phone, and email address. All classes will be held at the Land Trust building on SW Bank Rd., across from the fire station.

* Sessions marked with an asterisk are recommended for landowners wishing to develop a forest stewardship plan.

Wed. Feb. 2nd (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Rural Stewardship Planning and the CAO

Find out whether/how the "Critical Areas Ordinance" affects your property. Also, how the rural stewardship planning option can give you flexibility with your building plans.

Wed. Feb. 9th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) King County Rural Tax Incentive Programs / Forest Stewardship Planning

Learn about how the Public Benefit Ratings System and the Timberlands tax incentive programs operate, and what you need to do to develop a forest stewardship plan that can qualify you for each. Connect with foresters that can provide individual assistance in developing your forest stewardship plan.

Thurs. Feb. 17th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Living with Animals near Water

If you own horses, sheep, goats, or other livestock, attend this King Conservation District workshop to design a stream/wetland restoration plan including native plants, exclusion fencing, etc.

Thurs. Feb. 24th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Record Rainfall, Record Mud

If you own horses, sheep, goats or other livestock, attend this King Conservation District workshop to develop a mud management plan for your livestock areas.

Thurs. Mar. 3rd (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Got Animals? Got Manure!

If you are a livestock owner, attend this King Conservation District workshop to develop a manure composting and utilization plan.

Wed. Mar. 9th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Growing Grass and Producing Forage

This King Conservation District workshop will help you to develop a pasture management plan to grow enough forage for your livestock needs, even on small acreage.

Wed. Mar. 16th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Salmon Friendly Gardening

Gain techniques and resource materials for organic gardening, native plantscaping, alternatives to toxics, and more.

Thurs. Mar. 24th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Water Wise Gardening

Learn how to create attractive landscaping that is drought-tolerant and easy on the Island aquifer.

Sat. DATE TBA (9:30 am - noon) Livestock Best Management Practices - Farm Tour

Visit a property where owners are using sustainable animal husbandry techniques to protect their land and water resources.

Wed. Mar. 30th (6:30 - 8:00 pm) Birds-Eye View of Land Trust Preserves: Land Trust Annual Meeting and Slide Show

Your chance to learn more about the Land Trust and see slides of birds you can find on Land Trust preserves.

Sat. DATE TBA (10 am - noon) Ecological Home/Landscape Tour

Visit a home that has incorporated rainwater catchment, green roofs, and other water-wise features into its design.

Wed. Apr. 6th (6:30 -9:00 pm) Cycles of Life in a Forest*

Learn how plants, animals and fungi interact to produce a dynamic forest ecosystem. Get an overview of Puget Sound forest ecology, learn how forests naturally develop over time, and how human activity has influenced the makeup of our forests.

Wed. Apr. 13th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) The Dirt on Soil and the Source on Water*

Learn about what types of soil are present on Vashon, and how soil type affects forest growth. Learn how forest cover influences water cycling on the Island, and how you can implement practices to protect soil and water resources.

Wed. Apr. 20th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) The Rotten Truth*

Our forests are filled with native insects and fungi, but some are detrimental to tree growth. Learn how to identify and manage them to keep your forest healthy, resilient and functional.

Wed. Apr. 27th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Cultivating Your Forest for Many Uses*

Learn about native mushrooms, edible berries, medicinal plants, floral greens, and many other non-timber products that can be enjoyed from Puget Sound forests.

Wed. May 4th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) The Art and Science of Tending a Forest*

Learn about thinning, pruning, and other silvicultural techniques that you can use to guide your forest's development to meet your objectives.

Wed. May 11th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Blackberries, Ivy and Scotch Broom - Oh My!!*

Learn practical control methods for some of the Island's most persistent invasive plants.

Sat. May 14th (9:30 am - noon) Forest Stewardship Field Tour*

See some examples of forest stewardship in practice on the island. We will discuss wildlife habitat enhancement, forest health concerns, and alternative timber harvesting scenarios.

Wed. May 18th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Creating a Home for Wildlife in your Forest*

Learn about the animals that inhabit Island forests, and how you can manage your forest to meet their habitat needs.

Wed. May 25th (6:30 - 9:00 pm) Forest Stewardship Consultations*

Bring your questions about your property and/or your draft forest stewardship plan and receive individualized assistance from county and WSU staff.

For more information about the forest stewardship program, contact Amy Grotta, 206-205-3132 or Amy.Grotta@metrokc.gov.